

## PETER DE LACEY CLOSSES AT LAST

Looks the Doors of His Famous Pool-Room in Forty-Second Street and Refuses to Take Bets.

HAS MADE LONG FIGHT AGAINST AUTHORITIES.

For Many Years He Successfully Defied Every Effort to Close His Pool-Room, but Finally Surrendered.

A convincing illustration of the fact that the police can close the pool-rooms when they are backed up by their superior force was furnished to-day by Peter De Lacey. For the first time since he embarked in the pool-room business he shut down his entire machinery this afternoon. Not only did he receive no bets in his various pool-rooms, but he received no quotations or results from the race tracks.

De Lacey has his headquarters at No. 235 West Forty-second street, midway between Sixth avenue and Broadway. He owns the building. There he has received news from the race tracks by wire and from there he has sent it out by telephone to his pool-rooms and to other rooms paying for his service.

**Sent Operator Away.**

The Western Union operator assigned to De Lacey's headquarters to handle the racing, was reported for duty as usual to-day and was sent back to the office. He told the Western Union people that De Lacey was not doing business.

Nothing but remarkable pressure could make De Lacey throw up his hands. He had successfully defied every effort made to close his pool-rooms, and since the entire energy of the racing officials had been directed against him, it may be that the game has been going against him of late, as it has against many pool-room keepers, but he generally accepted the idea that he has been forced to close by the vigilance of the police.

Meanwhile the Western Union Telegraph Company is serving 20 other pool-rooms in Greater New York with results of races, and Police Commissioner McAdoe says he knows nothing about it.

"I haven't heard of 20 pool-rooms being open," he said to-day to an Evening World reporter. "I know nothing of these statistics. They may have been formed entirely in some one's imagination. That is all I care to say about the pool-room or gambling question."

Inspector McCluskey, Chief of the Detective Bureau, who has charge of all pool-room investigations, was not in his office this morning, so it could not be learned what steps he is taking to run down these 20 pool-rooms.

Inspector Brooks, of the First Inspection District, however, was more communicative about pool-rooms.

"I called in twenty-five precinct detectives to-day," he said, "and instructed them to pay particular attention to places suspected of being pool-rooms. I told them to get evidence against them, if possible; in fact, to do everything they can to close these places."

**Orders All Pool-Rooms Closed.**

Soon after an Evening World reporter saw Commissioner McAdoe, Inspector Brooks, who had just finished a private talk to twenty-five precinct detectives, gave out this statement:

"I have now seen every inspector, captain and precinct detective in Manhattan, the Bronx and Richmond, and I have told them all that if they have any notion that this is to be a wide-open town they are very much mistaken. They have been ordered to keep every pool-room, gambling-house or other illegal resort in their jurisdiction closed tight and have been warned that they will be held personally responsible for any violation of this order."

Magistrate Breen sitting in the Tombs Court this afternoon declared that there was no law to prevent men from going into alleged pool-rooms. Twelve men were arrested by plain clothes men attached to the Church street station, on technical charges of assault. It was alleged that they had attempted to enter alleged pool-rooms on Cortlandt and Dey streets and West Broadway. All were discharged.

**POSTMAN FOUND DROWNED.**

Michael Dissett's Body Showed Signs of Violent Treatment.

## IROQUOIS THEATRE TO BE BURNED AGAIN

Chicago's Mayor Plans to Give Playhouse to the Flames So as to Test the Efficiency of City Ordinances Providing for the Safety of the Public.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—As soon as the Coroner releases his control of the Iroquois Theatre the playhouse will again be given over to the flames if plans evolved by Mayor Harrison and Walter L. Fisher, of the City Club, are carried out. Experts who will fight over again the Iroquois conflagration will have trained firemen at their elbow to see that the demonstration of the plans does not bring about any property loss outside the partially ruined playhouse.

The purpose of again firing the theatre is to test the sufficiency of city ordinances, present and prospective.

At a conference to-day between Mayor Harrison and Mr. Fisher this subject was discussed exhaustively, and it was decided that nothing that had been done in Chicago for many years would approach this plan in the amount of good for the public.

With men who understand every detail of the test to watch every action of the flames and gases, and to regulate effects by manipulation of the ventilators and doors, it was urged that the benefits to accrue from the fire test would be practically incalculable.

With the Iroquois stage filled with excelsior and rubbish and a fire raging thereon, the conditions being like those of the fatal afternoon of Dec. 30, the experts expect to learn a great deal about the flames that swept so many lives away.

J. R. Freeman, an expert on fires, will be asked to take charge of the test.

Six additional churches were ordered closed to-day. A number of lodging-houses also will suffer in consequence of the strict enforcement of city ordinances.

## STEAMER SIGHTED; MAY BE NOORDLAND

Red Star Liner Passed Nantucket Early To-Day and Officials Believe It May Be Their Disabled Boat.

At the offices of the American line at Broadway and Rector street, it was said to-day that a report had been received from Nantucket, which said that a Red Star line steamship had passed there this morning.

The steamship is believed by the officials of the American and Red Star lines to be the Noordland, which was sighted in a disabled condition by the steamship Cornishman Jan. 2.

The Noordland left Liverpool for Philadelphia on Dec. 30 and the Cornishman left the same port the day following. While in a storm the Cornishman sighted the Noordland in midocean. The steamship was hoove to and signalled she had been disabled.

The rough sea prevented the Cornishman from rendering any assistance to the vessel, and the Noordland was not sighted again. The Noordland is now two days behind the time she is scheduled to be in Philadelphia.

## M'ADOO IN FAVOR OF THREE PLATOONS

Police Commissioner, with McAvoy, Cortright and Brooks, Will Investigate Matter Thoroughly.

That Police Commissioner McAdoe is in favor of restoring the three-platoon system was shown to-day, when he announced that he had appointed a special commission to investigate the matter thoroughly.

"The commission," said the Commissioner, "will be composed of Deputy McAvoy, Inspectors Cortright and Brooks, and myself."

"We will at first hold private conferences, at which we shall try to reach an understanding as to the best platoon system for the men. Later we will have public meetings in the trial room, at which the members of the force will be permitted to give their views."

"I do not hesitate to say that I am in favor of the three-platoon system. I also want more men. But efficiency comes before everything else."

Commissioner McAdoe said also that he had not yet decided upon the question of keeping patrolmen on the streets for all time.

## VESTRY, HEAVILY PLAYED, WINS

Second Choice in Second Event at New Orleans Comes from Behind and Captures First Honors.

THE WINNERS.

FIRST RACE—Lady Lavish (9 to 1). 1. Julia M. (6 to 1) 2. Dusky 3.

SECOND RACE—Vestry (3 to 1). 1. Ethel Wheat (2 to 1) 2. Tioga 3.

THIRD RACE—Scorpio (8 to 1) 1. Frank Bell (7 to 5) 2. Clangor 3.

(Special to The Evening World.)

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 14.—The track was fast to-day for the first time in over a week. The improvement in the going had a tendency to bring out a better class of horses. The second juvenile scramble of the meeting proved the feature of the sport.

The layers have been getting the worst of the breaks lately. Only fifteen bookies are now in line.

Frank Tyler, who has been confined to his room for a week with a severe cold was at the track to-day and helped Bob Turner operate the "big store."

It seems that Alex Shields was a trifle premature when he gave out the information that he had signed Jockey H. Phillips. Shields and the boy's father agreed on terms Tuesday, and Jack Phillips made an appointment to meet Shields and sign the contract that night. He now objects to several clauses in the contract and the deal is hanging fire.

Fred Cook and Charlie Ellison are trying to keep the boy in the West. Cook has offered \$7,000 for him.

Six furlongs. FIRST RACE.

Starter, white, jockey, St. Hif. Fin.	Betting.
Lady Lavish, 105, 115, 125, 135, 145, 155, 165, 175, 185, 195, 205, 215, 225, 235, 245, 255, 265, 275, 285, 295, 305, 315, 325, 335, 345, 355, 365, 375, 385, 395, 405, 415, 425, 435, 445, 455, 465, 475, 485, 495, 505, 515, 525, 535, 545, 555, 565, 575, 585, 595, 605, 615, 625, 635, 645, 655, 665, 675, 685, 695, 705, 715, 725, 735, 745, 755, 765, 775, 785, 795, 805, 815, 825, 835, 845, 855, 865, 875, 885, 895, 905, 915, 925, 935, 945, 955, 965, 975, 985, 995, 1005, 1015, 1025, 1035, 1045, 1055, 1065, 1075, 1085, 1095, 1105, 1115, 1125, 1135, 1145, 1155, 1165, 1175, 1185, 1195, 1205, 1215, 1225, 1235, 1245, 1255, 1265, 1275, 1285, 1295, 1305, 1315, 1325, 1335, 1345, 1355, 1365, 1375, 1385, 1395, 1405, 1415, 1425, 1435, 1445, 1455, 1465, 1475, 1485, 1495, 1505, 1515, 1525, 1535, 1545, 1555, 1565, 1575, 1585, 1595, 1605, 1615, 1625, 1635, 1645, 1655, 1665, 1675, 1685, 1695, 1705, 1715, 1725, 1735, 1745, 1755, 1765, 1775, 1785, 1795, 1805, 1815, 1825, 1835, 1845, 1855, 1865, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925, 1935, 1945, 1955, 1965, 1975, 1985, 1995, 2005, 2015, 2025, 2035, 2045, 2055, 2065, 2075, 2085, 2095, 2105, 2115, 2125, 2135, 2145, 2155, 2165, 2175, 2185, 2195, 2205, 2215, 2225, 2235, 2245, 2255, 2265, 2275, 2285, 2295, 2305, 2315, 2325, 2335, 2345, 2355, 2365, 2375, 2385, 2395, 2405, 2415, 2425, 2435, 2445, 2455, 2465, 2475, 2485, 2495, 2505, 2515, 2525, 2535, 2545, 2555, 2565, 2575, 2585, 2595, 2605, 2615, 2625, 2635, 2645, 2655, 2665, 2675, 2685, 2695, 2705, 2715, 2725, 2735, 2745, 2755, 2765, 2775, 2785, 2795, 2805, 2815, 2825, 2835, 2845, 2855, 2865, 2875, 2885, 2895, 2905, 2915, 2925, 2935, 2945, 2955, 2965, 2975, 2985, 2995, 3005, 3015, 3025, 3035, 3045, 3055, 3065, 3075, 3085, 3095, 3105, 3115, 3125, 3135, 3145, 3155, 3165, 3175, 3185, 3195, 3205, 3215, 3225, 3235, 3245, 3255, 3265, 3275, 3285, 3295, 3305, 3315, 3325, 3335, 3345, 3355, 3365, 3375, 3385, 3395, 3405, 3415, 3425, 3435, 3445, 3455, 3465, 3475, 3485, 3495, 3505, 3515, 3525, 3535, 3545, 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